

SOUTH  CAPE
Homeowners Association
2019 Spring Newsletter

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Our typical moody spring weather has arrived. The usual array of rain and cooler temperatures mixed with some days (or hours) of brilliance. Good news though, the winter didn't wreak the same havoc as last years' storms. We want to welcome back all our summer residents and congratulate our year rounders for their New England spirit.

VOLUNTEER DAY SPRING CLEANING



Volunteer Day was off to a rough start this year when the date had to be moved due to inclement weather. The make-up date, April 27, was not as well attended as last year. What we were missing in numbers, we made up for in spirit. Many thanks to Dave Ayotte, Meghan Zarum along with her 2 fearless helpers, Marin and Leonard, Muriel and Darien Homer, Kay and Bart Kuhns, Roz and Jerry Rosenberg, Susan Loden and Ken Konikowski. Also, thanks to Betsy Pratt, Marie-Laure Grillet and Craig Robert. We have a special thanks for Betty, Carl and Janet Strazzullo for transforming the Island by the beach. They spent 2 days removing the old plants and weeds and created an entirely new bright and clean space. Please be sure to thank all these people. Volunteering makes our neighborhood better. We would also like to thank Jon Borowski for spraying our common areas for weeds, ticks and mosquitos. Jon treats the association for free. If you are interested in this service for your home, call him at 774-361-6698.

VOLUNTEERING AND YOUR DUES

There is a relationship between volunteering and the money the association spends on landscaping and other repairs. The more volunteers we have, the less money we spend! We had two landscaping areas this spring that did not get completed by the neighbors, so we need to hire contractors to complete the work. I'm sure you know what landscaping costs these days.

Volunteering doesn't have to be relegated to one day. If your schedule doesn't permit you to be here when we schedule a clean-up day, pick another day and let us know what you'd like to do. If you have any ideas for sprucing up the areas, let us know via email at info@SCHAMashpee.com. If you are willing to use some sweat equity for landscaping improvements, budget permitting, we can provide the plants. When you're cleaning up your own yard and are moving plants or thinning out bulbs, let us know. We may have a new home for them in the Association beds.

ANNUAL DUES AND

IMPROVED PAYMENT METHODS

In an effort to further improve our financial process and planning, we are using QuickBooks this year to generate billings and accepting your payment. This option allows you to pay your annual dues and kayak fees electronically at no additional cost, saving you on postage and mailing. Expect the invoices to be sent within the next week. We encourage everything to use new method as a more efficient way to pay your SCHA invoices.

ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC, JULY 13

Reserve Saturday, July 13 at 9:30 AM in the Mashpee Public Library for the Association annual meeting. In addition to voting for your board representatives and learning about the financial status of the Association, this year is particularly important because we are updating the by-laws. Your input is extremely valuable. We are aware that we consider our “Cape Time” as time to refresh and rejuvenate but the management of the Association should be of importance to us all.



After the annual meeting go to the beach, go boating or lay in your beach chair but be sure to join us at 4:30 for our annual picnic. We listened to your feedback and we’re switching back to an old-fashioned BBQ. As an added treat, our neighbor Jerry Seymour, grill master extraordinaire will be rolling his giant grill, along with his flat top grill, down the street to the beach and cooking up all your favorite BBQ treats. Hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers and more will be sizzling on the grill. Plenty of sides will be available. We ask that you bring a potluck appetizer and/or dessert. Soda and water will be provided. Of course, BYOB.

A summer BBQ is always enhanced by music and games for the kids. Anyone with ideas, let us know. Let’s amp up the fun!

NO NEED FOR SPEED

Traveling at the posted 20 MPH, it takes 98 seconds to get from the entrances to the beaches to the furthest reaches of Whippoorwill, less time if you live closer, and most of you do. Traveling at a much more dangerous speed of 30, it takes 65 seconds. The time saved is not worth endangering lives. Please slow down. Respect your neighbors.

IN MEMORIAM

This year has seen several of our long-time residents pass away. We would like to share our condolences with the families of Libby O'Neill, Mario Genovese and Don Cohen. They will be missed. This was a generation of our founders.

WANT TO BE PART OF THE DECISION MAKING?

Two slots on the SCHA Board are up for re-election this year. Send us your name, your background and why you'd like to be on the board. We'd be happy to include you on the ballot.

NEW! NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY

SCHA Members have been asking for a Members Directory where names and addresses of neighbors can be easily found. We will NOT list anyone in the directory without their permission. Please enter only the information you want listed in the Member Directory. You can fill out the form [here](#).

Please note:

- By submitting the information you provided in the form located on our website, you are giving SCHA permission to include you in our Member Directory.
- Once member information has been validated, we will include you in the directory.
- The Member Directory will be available ONLY to members.
- We anticipate this directory will be available around July 1, 2019.

BY-LAW REVISIONS



Keep an eye out for a package mailed to you containing a revision of the SCHA By-Laws. The package contains the old and new by-laws side by side, a ballot, a pre-paid envelope for mailing the ballot and a cover letter that will explain the procedure for casting your vote. Your vote is needed. The by-laws can only be changed or not changed by 51% majority of the active members. The board members voted unanimously on the by-laws revision. **SCHA NEEDS YOU!** As usual your comments would be appreciated.

ALWAYS GOOD TO KNOW:

SCHA Website: www.SCHAmashpee.com

You can preview the local weather, Great River tide schedules, SCHA history, current events, posted photos, recent newsletters, emergency contacts, and more on our website.

To communicate with members of the board of directors send an email to info@SCHAmashpee.com. Suggestions, comments, photos, reviews, or other input are always welcome. If you have any ideas how the SCHA can be improved, please let us know.

Property owners must be considerate with pets, outdoor fires, noise, etc.

Mashpee Animal Control	508-539-1442
Mashpee Fire Dept	508-539-1454
Mashpee Police Dept	508-539-1480

Local authorities are accountable for enforcing town bylaws and ordinances. Please call them as necessary.

Please pick up after your dog.



Also, please refrain from blowing leaves or dumping brush on vacant lots unless you have permission from the owner.

Have a great season!